WHEN IS A ZONING PERMIT REQUIRED?

A Zoning Permit is Required:

Where any building, sign or other structure not otherwise exempt is erected, moved or structurally altered so as to change its use, increase its floor or surface area, or alters the existing footprint.

Example: pole shed, house, deck

A Zoning Permit is Not Required:

For any accessory building, farm building or structure not for human habitation, less than 100 square feet and not permanently fixed to the earth and is readily removable in its entirety, provided such building conforms to all the setbacks.

Example: garden shed smaller than 10'x10', raised flower beds

For any interior remodeling, improvements or alterations, regardless of cost, provided there is not a change in the use.

Example: kitchen remodel, installing hardwood floors

For any exterior alterations, improvements or remodeling provided there is not an increase in floor area to the existing building

Example: new siding, new roofing

For platforms, terraces, walks, driveways, parking area, and patios providing they do not extend above the plane or average ground level at their margins

Example: patio flush with ground level



*NOTE: Regardless if a zoning permit is required, always contact your Town Clerk regarding whether or not additional local permits are required.

If you have questions regarding zoning permits, contact our office at 715-231-6521.

Definitions:

Structure – Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires a permanent or temporary location on or in the ground, stream bed or lake bed, including but not limited to objects such as building, factories, sheds and cabins, mobile/manufactured homes, bridges and transmission towers.

Principal Structure – The main structure on a lot. (Most times are residential dwellings.)

Accessory Structure – A subordinate structure which is clearly and customarily incidental to and located on the same lot as principal structure except that mobile/manufactured homes are not allowed as storage structures

Example: garages or buildings not used as living quarters